

Up in Congress was its suddenness. There was no warning in Washington that night that President Wilson's interview with the Congress leaders on Monday night was directly responsible for it. The leaders carried back to the Capitol the firm impression that the President was through parleying with Germany, and that he was prepared to force a break unless Germany gave assurances that armed liners would not be attacked without warning.

The strong personal feeling which the President showed on this occasion, together with his apparent resentment over the delays imposed by Germany, all led to an impression that the situation was extremely serious.

The apprehension of members of Congress grew gradually and to-night many of them seemed almost panicky.

One notable feature of the situation seemed to be the inability of the State Department to understand what has caused the sudden excitement.

The impression gained by members of Congress at the White House conference was that the President believed the time for parleying was just about over.

Many believe the stir in Congress will die down as quickly as it blazed up, but for the present at least there is no doubt of the seriousness of the situation for the President.

It was only a few minutes after adjournment of the conference that Mr. Wilson was taken by the committee, but the Democratic members of the organization had talked the matter over informally.

Mr. Flood said that no such action had been taken by the committee, but that the Democratic members of the organization had talked the matter over informally.

It became known to-day that Representative Webb of North Carolina, one of the House leaders, has asserted his administration on the present issue between the United States and Germany.

Mr. Webb had drawn up a resolution to be signed by all those in sympathy with his views, setting forth to the President that the House is opposed to Mr. Wilson's announced purpose to assert the right of merchantmen to arm.

In the course of the afternoon Speaker Clark and Leader Kitchin had a conference on the subject of the resolution.

Mr. Clark also had a talk with Chairman Flood, who also saw the members of the Missouri delegation.

Some of these leaders suggested that the United States was justified in breaking off diplomatic relations at the time of the sinking of the Lusitania.

House members are strongly of the opinion, according to expressions heard to-day, that there is a possibility of compromise in the future.

There is obviously a feeling in the House that if action can be stayed off for a time the troublesome question will be adjusted through the medium of diplomatic exchange.

Will Call on Wilson. Unless there is a change of programme Chairman Flood and Chairman Flood will seek a conference with the President to-morrow.

While Chairman Flood of the House Foreign Affairs Committee is undoubtedly in sympathy with the members who are opposed to pressing the merchantmen issue with Germany, he is said to be at heart in favor of the passage of a resolution warning Americans not to take passage on merchant ships of belligerents.

There is one resolution pending before the committee warning Americans to keep off belligerent merchantmen.

The measure may be given consideration at a meeting of the committee to be held to-morrow.

No action will be taken, however, until the committee has received word from Chairman Flood just what the President's intentions are.

The House understands that the President has decided to assert the right of merchantmen to arm for defense.

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## BRANDEIS AIDED HARRIMAN IN FISH FIGHT

### New Accusations Laid Before Senate Committee by Attorney Fox for Score of Boston Men—Gillette Razor and Equitable Cases Cited.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—More charges against the professional conduct of Louis B. Brandeis were filed before the Senate investigating committee to-day by Attorney Fox, a New York attorney.

Mr. Fox plans to produce evidence that in 1906 a Mr. Stewart, a stockholder of the Gillette Safety Razor Company, brought suit against his officers and directors alleging mismanagement, improper salaries and general misconduct of the business.

One charge relates to the fight between the late E. H. Harriman and Stuyvesant Fish for control of the Illinois Central road, and Mr. Fox alleges Mr. Brandeis was employed by Mr. Harriman to obtain proxies for his successful attempt to oust Stuyvesant Fish from the presidency.

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## FOREIGN BORN LOYAL WILSON FEELS SURE

### Tells Delegation of Hungarians He Has Confidence in Their Patriotism.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—President Wilson made an emphatic statement of his confidence in the loyal patriotism of the body of foreign born citizens of the United States in an address to the committee of Hungarians at the White House to-day.

To this committee, headed by Alexander Konta of New York, who had been appointed by a mass meeting of Hungarians held in New York in January to protest to the President against aspersions which had been made against their loyalty, the President said:

"The utterance of the President was read with interest by political authorities here. Recently the President's friends have made no secret of their belief that if the Root speech is to be regarded as the keynote of the Republican campaign, it will require the support of receiving a large part of the German vote in the next election.

The President's friends do not believe that Americans of German birth will vote for Roosevelt or for any man who publicly denounces the invasion of Belgium.

"The President said: 'I am sure that you will not vote for Roosevelt or for any man who publicly denounces the invasion of Belgium.'

"I want to say that so far as my own feelings and opinion are concerned the errand was unnecessary. I have never doubted the loyalty of the foreign born, and I am sure that you will not vote for Roosevelt or for any man who publicly denounces the invasion of Belgium.

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## GAS MEN UNITE IN BROADER RESEARCH

### Seek New By-products of Coal, Especially for Dyes.

Despatches from Baltimore telling of the establishment of a laboratory by the large gas companies at Johns Hopkins University to develop the aniline dye industry in this country were confirmed yesterday by officials of the Consolidated Gas Company.

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GRAFT HUNT ORDERED 200 MADE HOMELESS IN CHICAGO PAYROLL BY FIRE AT PASSAIC

City Acts on Woman's Charge That She Had to Aid Mayor's Relative. Cause Loss of \$200,000—Two Firemen Hurt.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The City Civil Service Commission ordered today that the payroll of the Department of Public Welfare be held up for investigation of the graft charges made by Mrs. Page Waller Eaton against Mrs. Louise Osborne Rowe, department superintendent.

Mrs. Eaton has charged that she was forced to contribute one-third of her \$2,000 salary for the relief of the sister-in-law of Mayor Thompson, Mrs. Margaret E. Mivelaz.

Mrs. Eaton said today that Mrs. Rowe had proposed to carry a dummy on the payroll in the absence of one of the stenographers, and to divide the \$30 monthly salary with Mrs. Eaton.

"I told her it was dangerous business," said Mrs. Eaton. "I would have none of it. She told me this was done all the time in the City Hall, but I told her that I preferred to wear my stripes up and down and not around the body."

Mrs. Rowe denied the charges of a padded payroll. She added that after Mrs. Eaton had told her of the charges she went to see Seymour Steadman, Mrs. Rowe's lawyer.

"Steadie, did you ever hear of such a man?" Mrs. Rowe said she told him. "Can you beat it?"

"Why didn't you tell me in the first place?" answered Steadman, said Mrs. Rowe.

VASSAR'S PHI BETA KAPPA. Members Chosen to the Scholarship Society Are Announced.

Both File Announcements as G. O. P. Candidates.

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## DANIELS CUT NAVAL VACANCY MENKEN SAYS

### Must Dominate Pacific to Insure Safety of Coast, Says Admiral Badger.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—That Secretary Daniels changed a report of the General Navy Board by eliminating a recommendation for the addition of 17,000 men to the personnel of the navy was the substance of a statement made to the House Naval Committee to-day by Rear Admiral Badger of the General Board.

Admiral Badger's statement was in conflict with testimony given on the subject by Secretary Daniels, who said he could not recall that that body had made any report on the question of personnel.

The admission was drawn from Admiral Badger as a result of questions asked by Representative Britten of Illinois.

Examination of the Admiral was so long drawn out by Representative Callahan and other little navy members that Chairman Padgett entered an objection, saying that the time was not far distant when hearings on the naval bill would have to be held.

Admiral Badger was questioned concerning the necessity for a fleet in the Pacific. He said that ultimately the United States would have to maintain in that quarter a force large enough to cope with any possible enemy.

It was brought out at the hearing that there is a cooperation between the State and Navy Departments, the latter having no official knowledge of the changing phases of the international relations of the United States.

Representative Stephens of California, seeking to show that the Pacific coast was inadequately defended, asked if the United States would have to face simultaneous enemies in the Pacific and the Atlantic oceans.

Admiral Badger said he could answer that only in executive session. He said that a fleet capable of dominating the Pacific Ocean was the only sure protection for the Pacific coast, and said that the earth slides in the Panama Canal had made it impossible for the present and perhaps for another year the use of the fleet in either ocean.

## NATIONAL SPECIAL AD SOCIETY PREPAREDNESS RALLY RAISES \$1,000.

There were speeches, cheers and a collection of \$1,000 cash and more pledges for preparedness last night at Carnegie Hall, where an audience of 2,500 assembled for the National Special Ad Society's preparedness rally.

"The cold facts are that if we are attacked by a first class Power it will be absolutely necessary for every citizen, pacifist or jingo, to rally to the colors," said John Hays Hammond, Jr., inventor of the wireless torpedo.

Mr. Lincoln W. Bates, whose son, Lincoln W. Bates, Jr., perished on the Lusitania, spoke for American mothers who have to die.

"The woman who didn't raise her boy to be a soldier has no right to the defense of any other woman's boy," said Stanwood Menken in this to say of Secretary Daniels.

President Wilson has two vacancies in his Cabinet—the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy. We are prepared to demand the appointment of our country's best men to fill these vacancies.

"If we have protested, sir, if in our hearts we shall continue to believe that in this terrible war our country has played a worthy role, our meeting in New York was first of all what our appearance before your Excellency today is, again—a public protest against the nation's name being down in American history with the unblemished record which we are endeavoring to establish and which we think we already have established."

"Your Excellency's reception of us to-day is proof to us that you believe in our loyalty. You, sir, clothed with the supreme authority of the nation, give us the assurance that our country is the reward which we have endeavored to deserve. It is the most powerful incentive our country can give us to our country's defense and the welfare of our country."

Many in Pure Water Fight. Delegations from a number of civic associations will go to Albany to-day to support before the Finance Committee of the Senate the Pure Water Bill. The bill would require the State Board of Health to investigate the water supply of the State and to report to the Legislature.

## ALLEGED ABDUCTOR CAUGHT.

Frank Crocker Arrested at Palm Beach by N. Y. Detective.

PALEMBACH, Fla., Feb. 23.—A Frank Crocker alias D. Count, was identified here tonight by Detective Sergeant William J. Smith of the New York Police Department as a man wanted for abducting a cloak model from Philadelphia to a New York hotel about a month ago.

A secret service agent from Washington is also here trying to get him for violating the Mann white slave act, and the local police are holding him on a charge of kidnapping.

It is said that Crocker and associates of his have been active lately and that Crocker is also wanted for having exacted \$10,000 from a prominent New York man in Palm Beach last winter.

Girl Picks at Plumber Dies. Tarrytown, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Alma B. Paulding, 14 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Paulding of Eastview, died as a result of blood poisoning following the picking of a pimple a few weeks ago.

## SMITH TO LOSE EXCISE POST.

Wilson Nominer for District Called Too Lenient.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—A subcommittee of the District of Columbia committee made an unfavorable report to the full committee to-day on the nomination by the President of Gen. Robert G. Smith of Jersey City to be Excise Commissioner of the District of Columbia.

There has been a lot of testimony taken, and minutes and other temperate advocates have said before the committee that Gen. Smith was too lenient in the granting of licenses. The nomination will be reported unfavorably, it is said, by the full district committee.

Senator M. M. McKim of Virginia, voted to report unfavorably.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT. CARNEGIE HALL. FRIDAY EVE., FEB. 25, 8.30. Celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Glee Club. Tickets on Sale at McBride's and at the Box Office.